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SUBJECT:US INVESTMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE -- MEETING WITH MACHUNGO

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1. SUMMARY: GPRM PLEASED BY INTEREST OF AMERICAN MINING FIRMS, RECOMMENDS DIRECT CONTACT WITH MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE IN MAPUTO, HOPES FOR VISIT OF FIRMS REPRESENTATIVES IN JANUARY. END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF JIMMY KOLKER MET WITH MOZAMBIQUE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, MARIO MACHUNGO FOR HALF-HOUR DEC. 9. AMBASSADOR NOTED INTEREST OF ARTHUR D. MCKEE AND ANACONDA DIVISION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD AND ASKED MACHUNGO HOW TO PROCEED TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS FOLLOW-UP.

3. MACHUNGO WAS PLEASED BY INTEREST AND SUGGESTED THAT FIRMS GET IN TOUCH DIRECTLY WITH HIS MINISTRY IN MAPUTO. HE ASKED THAT THE FIRMS INDICATE THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SEND PROSPECTUSES OR OTHER INFORMATION

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ON THEIR BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE. IF THE FIRM'S INTEREST IS APPROPRIATE TO MOZAMBIQUE'S NEEDS, MACHUNGO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE VISIT MAPUTO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. MACHUNGO SUGGESTED THAT THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO GET THE INFORMATION TO HIM WOULD BE BY SENDING IT TO THE EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY.

4. DECREE/LAW 18/77 IS THE INVESTMENT LAW TO WHICH MACHUNGO REFERRED IN THE US. IT APPLIES TO ALL INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING OIL EXPLORATION. THERE IS NO SEPARATE PETROLEUM LAW. IN RESPONSE TO THE OTHER TWO QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REF B, THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE RESPONDED THAT THEY ARE OPEN TO ANY PROPOSAL A FOREIGN ENTERPRISE MIGHT MAKE REGARDING OIL EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION. NO PARTICULAR FORM OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IS PRESCRIBED NOR IS ANY PROHIBITED. ACCEPTABLE PROPOSALS SHOULD INSURE "MUTUAL BENEFIT."

5. COMMENT: MACHUNGO MADE NO REFERENCE TO WORKING THROUGH THE MOZAMBIQUE MISSION TO THE UN. HE DESIGNATED HIS PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER AND PERSONAL AIDE ALBERTO SIMBINE TO SERVE AS LIAISON FOR THE EMBASSY. SINCE REF B ARRIVED AFTER DEC 9 MEETING, WE USED THE SIMBINE CHANNEL FOR INFORMATION IN PARA 4. HE CALLED BACK WITHIN 30 MINUTES WITH CLEAR AND FULL RESPONSES, SO THIS SEEMS LIKE A PROMISING METHOD OF COMMUNICATION.

6. WE HOPE THAT FROM THEIR END, ARCO, MCKEE (AND TEXACO, IF INTERESTED) WILL FOLLOW-UP QUICKLY WITH PROSPECTUSES AND PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION IN MAPUTO IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY. WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING HOW TO RESPOND TO MCKEE'S CONCERNS AROUSED BY WHITE ARTICLES.

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7. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES PROMPT BACKSTOPPING FROM AF ON INVESTMENT MATTERS. THIS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY USEFUL IN ESTABLISHING ON-GOING RELATION WITH MACHUNGO. DEPREE

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